U.S. to Probe Donald Nixon Phone Tap

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LAS VEGAS, Sept. 28 (AP)—A probe will be carried out in Washington into the possible wiretapping of phone conversations between a former aide of billionaire Howard Hughes and Donald Nixon, the President's brother, according to Asst. U.S. Attorney John R. Lusk.

Lusk said today that the investigation was requested after The Washington Post reported on Sept. 6 that the President had ordered his brother's phone tapped for the past few years because he feared embarrassment from the latter's financial disclosures.

Lusk said the coming investigation was called to determine whether former Hughes aide John H. Meier, currently under indictment here on federal income tax evasion charges, was "subject to electronic surveillance." Meier's attorneys asked for transcripts of any conversations between Meier and Donald Nixon.

Donald Nixon and Meier are reportedly long-time friends.